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J.K. Grounds turns into Flower Market

Temporary set up till Varamahalakshmi festival

Mysuru, July 29 (RK&DM)- With the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) ordering temporary shifting of Devaraja Market flower vendors, anticipating heavy rush at the market with the start of the festival season, the J.K. Grounds today was a beehive of activity as the shifted flower vendors readily starting their business from early morning today.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the MCC, as a crowd-control measure, had ordered temporary shifting of flower vendors of Devaraja Market to nearby J.K. Grounds, close to the City Railway Station for three days from July 29 to 31.

Once the order was out yesterday, the flower vendors started making preparations for temporary relocation to the more spacious J.K. Grounds (Jeevarayana Katte) by erecting makeshift stalls and sheds.

(See MARKET on page 7)

BEWARE !
Do not share OTP

Online fraudster dupes elderly couple of Rs. 4.23 lakh

Mysuru, July 29 (RK&BCT)- While nations are doing all that they can to lessen the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic, fraudsters — true to form — have identified it as an opportunity to make money and are actively using COVID-19 as a way to cash.

Amid the pandemic, banks have encouraged customers to opt for online, mobile and phone banking services in lieu of branch visits. Using the bank's communication to customers, fraudsters are targeting the vulnerable people, especially senior citizens who are not familiar with online banking transactions.

A senior citizen couple in city was cheated by fraudsters on July 27 who polished off Rs. 4,23,047 from three bank accounts in matter of minutes after the couple shared their bank and ATM Card details over phone. The couple who was cheated is B.V. Bollamma, a retired employee of Agricultural Department and her husband K.S. Kuttappa, an ex-Serviceman. They are the residents of BEML Layout at Srirampura in city.

(See OTP on page 6)

Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases	:	220
Cumulative POSITIVE cases	:	3,383
Total ACTIVE cases	:	2,249
Persons discharged	:	1011
Deaths	:	123

PRAY Safe
everyone has a reason to pray
STAY Safe
everyone has a reason to pray

Rafales land

Ambala (Haryana), July 29 (Agencies)- The first five of a batch of French Rafale fighter jets arrived at Haryana's Ambala Air Base this afternoon after covering a distance of nearly 7,000 kms to join the Indian Air Force fleet. The Rafale fleet comprises three single-seater and two twin-seater aircraft, an IAF official said.

Chief of Air Staff R.K.S. Bhadauria was present at the strategically key Ambala Air Base to receive the Rafale jets, India's first major acquisition of fighter planes in over two decades. Rs. 59,000-crore deal was signed on Sept. 23, 2016 for 36 Rafale jets from French aerospace major Dassault Aviation.

Water salute was scheduled to be given to the five Rafale fighter aircraft after their landing, say reports.

(See RAFALES on page 7)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.
Mysuru, Wednesday 29th July 2020

Webinar on COVID awareness on Aug.2

Dr. Madhu Patel

Mysuru, July 29 - The Rotaract Club of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru, is organising a health awareness programme on Aug. 2 at 6 pm through online platform.

On this occasion, a webinar on 'Living with CoViD - 19: How lives have changed' has been scheduled. The resource person will be Dr. Madhu Patel, Senior Consultant Paediatrician in Aayush Kids Clinic and Additional Director, Brindavan Hospital, Mysuru. He will educate about the impact and challenges of COVID.

Dr. Madhu Patel completed his Under-Graduation from Mysore Medical College and Post-Graduation in Paediatrics from Bengaluru. 'Best Outgoing Student' from National Board of Exams, New Delhi, he has been honoured with Fellowships from Manchester, Boston and Brisbane in the fields of Paediatric Allergies, Nutrition and Child Psychology.

The Co-ordinators of this webinar are Prof. R. Shivashankar, Prof. Arun C. Dixit and Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna. The webinar shall be conducted through Google Meet.

Dr. G.V. Naveen Prakash, Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering and Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda, Principal, VVCE will be present. Students and general public can participate in the webinar and there is no registration fee. Interested may contact Dr. Mohan Krishna on Mob: 96323-76757 or Student Coordinators Vaishnavi Srivatsa (92327-48875) or Saamat Riyan (91083-65016), according to a press release.

ICSI observes Student Month Activities

Mysuru, July 29- The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) observes July as the Student Month every year. As part of Students Month July 2020, the Mysuru Chapter of ICSI organised various online competitions and sessions for the students.

The competitions included Quiz on Company Law, Essay Writing on Role of Auditing in the context of Armed Forces, PPT competition on Challenges faced by Company Secretaries during Coronavirus and Lockdown period. Besides online sessions were held on Life Skills, How to Appear in Interview & Direct Tax.

Many students from various stages of CS Course participated in the activities and e-Certificates were given to all the participants.

Further, nine webinars on Career as Company Secretary has been organised for the students of various Colleges in Mysuru, according to a press release.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

A reader wrote in 'The New York Times' recently, on time spent during the pandemic: "Make a picnic and spend half a day sitting at the base of a tree, knitting or reading, anything that does not rely on the phone," she wrote. "I find tree sitting for more than an hour removes all the tension or any pain in my body." Of course, tree sitting was a term that was used to refer to what green activists did, living on trees to prevent them from being cut down. But here, she means something like forest bathing. Interestingly, scientists have found that spending time with trees boosts one's immunity, via phytonicides — essential oils released by trees and plants to defend against insects, animals and decomposition — something we sorely need with the COVID-19 pandemic being in no hurry to go away.

— Narayani Ganesh in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Fans rent cranes to watch car race from outside

Lublin: Die-hard car racing fans found anunique way to support their favorite race drivers and also maintain social distancing at the same time – they rented 21 construction cranes and watched the race from above the race track arena.

Sunday is race day at Stadion Żużlowy Motor Lublin in the Polish city of Lublin, but because of the COVID -19 pandemic, the arena wasn't full to the brink as it usually is. Social distancing rules dictate that sport venues fill up at only 25 percent capacity, but a few dozen fans found a way to be close to the action without actually setting foot in the arena. They rented 21 cranes and lifted themselves up above the stadium in groups of three or four. Photos of them standing on platforms and holding flares have been doing the rounds on the internet.

It is reported that at the start of the national Speedway Extra League, only three cranes were spotted outside the Stadion Żużlowy Motor Lublin but their numbers increased with every race.

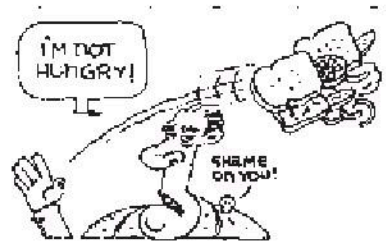
Denim that kills Coronavirus!

Geneva: Though textiles are not the main means of contamination for the SarsCov-2 virus, studies have shown that it can survive on clothes for various periods of time. That's why several companies are planning to launch lines of virus-killing denim.

Last month, Swiss company HeiQ announced that its Viroblock NPJ03 textile treatment had been tested against the SARS-CoV-2 virus strain and proved to be 99.99% effective in killing it. Virpblock had previously been tested against coronavirus 229E, another strain of virus in the Coronavirus family, but this latest test showed that the combination of silver salts with a vesicle technology was effective against the Covid-19 causing virus as well. HeiQ has since announced collaborations with several denim brands to create SarsCov-2-resistant clothes.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How much food is wasted?



A British report has suggested that 30 to 50 percent of the food produced around the world is not eaten. The report also stated that 30 percent of the food produced worldwide is not harvested because it doesn't look attractive. Yet 3 million children die of hunger every year.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

NCC-Mysuru celebrates 21st Kargil Vijay Diwas

Mysuru, July 29 - The 21st Kargil Vijay Diwas was celebrated on July 26 by 13 Kar Bn NCC-Mysuru on behalf of NCC Group Headquarters, Mysuru, by conducting a webinar on Google Meet. The event included videos of Kargil War, National War Memorial and Param Vir Chakra awardee of Kargil War.

Two online competitions were held for cadets. In all, 35 cadets from each Battalion of Group HQ NCC participated.

The programme began with a brief introduction of the event by Capt. H.S. Nagendra Kuar, Associate NCC Officer from 13 Kar Bn NCC, who has been entrusted to conduct webinar along with Capt. Shriharsha from the same Battalion.

National pledge was administered by Capt. Shriharsha. A total of 50 cadets participated in patriotic poem recitation in English and Hindi. The programme went on smoothly under the guidance of Col. P.T. Rajiv, Group Commander, NCC Gp HQ, Mysuru and Col. Rajesh Kumar, Commanding Officer, 13 Kar Bn NCC, Mysuru.

Despite, the constraints of COVID-19 lockdown restrictions, the NCC cadets participated with enthusiasm, thereby making the commemoration of Kargil Vijay Diwas-2020 a grand success.

Really...?

- *Onions are the last thing you should be putting in Rover's bowl. That's because onions can weaken a dog's red blood cells, leading to anaemia that, in severe cases, could result in death. Symptoms of anaemia in your dog include weakness, vomiting, loss of appetite, dullness and breathlessness, so watch out for these if your pet somehow manages to eat a bag of onions when you're not looking.*
- *Onions can be a strong weapon in a woman's battle against osteoporosis as she goes through menopause. That's because onions destroy osteoclasts, bone cells which resorb bone tissue and weaken bones.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

There were three restaurants on the same block. One day one of them put up a sign which said "The Best Restaurant in the City." The next day, the largest restaurant on the block put up a larger sign which said "THE BEST RESTAURANT IN THE WORLD." On the third day, the smallest restaurant put up a small sign which said "THE BEST RESTAURANT ON THIS BLOCK!!"

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.81
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 96.74
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.37
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.88

VOICE OF THE READER

Nostalgic memories on Pensioner's Paradise

Sir,

Your *Abracadabra* dated 26th July — ***Nostalgically Speaking-2, Mysore, a Pensioner's Paradise*** — was very interesting. I would like to add some more from my memories dating to 1960s and later.

I was a school boy in the 1960s at Bharathi Sthree Samaj in Vontikoppal (V.V. Puram). The city had about half the present population and majority owned bicycles which filled 95% of the parking space everywhere.

Cars and two-wheelers were sparse and no autorickshaws also. Many people resorted to walking and pollution was minimal. Plenty of tongas plied on the roads sounding their bells with zero air pollution. Rhythmic *chuk-buk* and coughing sounds of the Railway steam engines and their pleasant whistle were heard at a distance. The siren at the Ideal Jawa factory made alerting turbulent sounds periodically. At that time, the Maharaja of Mysore Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, once in a way would visit Sri Lakshmi Venkataramanaswamy Temple in Vontikoppal on KRS road. This would be a thrilling news in the locality.

Sparrows, now almost non-existent, were seen chirping in large numbers everywhere. People immersed Lord Ganesha idols in Kukkarahalli Lake in a ceremonious way with all the decorum and with great fervour.

I lament that all this is lost, and that golden era would not return again.

—Dr. C.S. Ravi Prakash
Vijayanagar II Stage
27.7.2020

Erratic water supply

Sir,

Once again we would like to state that there is no proper supply of water in Ward 14, near P and T Quarters, Udayagiri. This happens every now and then. There is no fixed hour for the supply of water. The water when supplied is only for 10-15 minutes with very low pressure.

Everytime we complained to our area Corporator, he says that there are blockages in pipes or main water pumps are getting repaired, etc.

I request the higher authorities from MCC to look into the matter urgently.

—Aggrieved residents on e-mail
Udayagiri
26.7.2020

Associations and Societies asked to file Accounts

Mysuru, July 29- As it has been found that several Associations and Societies are yet to file Audit reports for more than five years, the Co-operation Department has asked them to file Audited Accounts by payment of one-time penalty and subject to some conditions, before December 31, 2020.

The Registration of Associations and Societies will be renewed after filing of Audited Accounts along with one-time penalty of Rs.500 per year. The Registration of those which fail to file Audited Reports by Dec.31,2020, will be cancelled. The Audited Accounts must be filed only by online.

The original copy of the bye-laws, audit reports, list of Executive Committee members, proceedings of Annual General Body Meeting (AGM), notice of AGM, list of the members who attended the AGM, Registration Certificate and acknowledgement for filing of audit reports of the previous years, must be submitted while filing the audit reports.

For more details, visit the Office of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies located on New Sayyaji Rao Road, Mysuru.

Admission to BVA course at CAVA

Mysuru, July 29- Chamarajendra Government College of Visual Arts, Mysuru (CAVA), has invited applications for BVA (Bachelor of Visual Arts) course in Painting, Graphics, Sculpture, Applied Arts, Photography & Photojournalism and Art History for the academic year 2020-21. Candidates who have passed PUC or Foundation Course in Visual Arts or any other equivalent courses are eligible to apply. Application and information leaflet can be obtained on payment of Rs. 250 in cash or Rs. 350 by post. DD should be drawn in favour of Dean, Chamarajendra Government College of Visual Arts, Mysuru (CAVA), Siddarthanagar, Mysuru-570011.

Last date to submit filled in forms is Aug. 17. For details contact Ph: 0821-2438931 or email to: *deancava@gmail.com*, according to a press release.

CM Yediyurappa releases 'Shivapada Ratnakosha' online from Bengaluru

Mysuru, July 29 (PM&DM)- Chief Minister B.S.Yediyurappa released 'Shivapada Ratnakosha,' a volume of Veerashaiva-Lingayat Dictionary, brought out by JSS Mahavidyapeetha, online at a programme organised at his office in Bengaluru yesterday, which was streamed live on Facebook at Suttur Mutt premises in Mysuru.

Speaking on the occasion, Yediyurappa said he was happy to release this huge volume, which comprises Vachana Sahitya and Veerashaiva poetry.

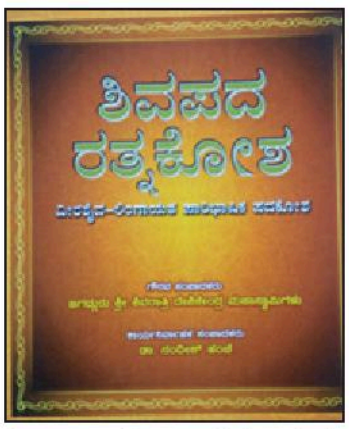
Noting that the over 1,000 page volume is a treasure of knowledge, he said that the book introduces Veerashaiva dharma, culture and principles.

Highlighting the role of Mutts in the growth of the State, Yediyurappa said that Mutts have revolutionised learning by imparting education to poor children and weaker sections of the society.

Stating that Suttur Mutt has taken the lead in imparting education, he said Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji dedicated his entire life for the cause of poor children.

Highlighting that Suttur Mutt is globally known for its 'Trividha Dasoha' (Education, Food and Shelter), the CM said that the volume should reach every doorstep and the people must learn from it.

Kannada and Culture Minister C.T. Ravi, who spoke after receiving the first copy, said that the volume has 4,681 references and has been brought out in a most apt manner, after carrying out thorough studies and making comparisons with hundreds of contemporary books.



Pointing out that Deputy Chief Minister Govind Karjol had sanctioned funds for bringing out the volume when he was Kannada and Culture Minister in the previous BJP Government over ten years ago, Ravi said that the volume is of much help to the people for leading a meaningful life.

Deputy Chief Minister Govind Karjol, who presided, said that Suttur Mutt has a long history extending over centuries.

Stating that Suttur Mutt has grown by leaps and bounds under Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, he said that the Mutt has been providing education, food and shelter to scores of children from across the country, which is a great service.

He further said that the volume can become a handbook for religious studies and research.

Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that the volume is educative to the administrators.

Noting that the volume has made its own mark in Kannada Literature through its clarity and specific nature, he said that every person should read it for gaining useful knowledge.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, who graced the occasion at the city event, said that JSS Mahavidyapeetha's Sri Shivarathreeshwara Granthamaale will soon come up with another important work.

Stating that an English work scripted by Vijayapura Jnanayogashrama's Sri Siddeshwara Swamiji on Patanjali Yoga Sutras will soon be released, he said that the release of the book, which has the Prime Minister's compliment, has been delayed due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

Pointing out that 'Shivapada Ratnakosha' took nine years of hard work, he said that the volume has derivations from its Sanskrit version, published in 2011.

Highlighting the role of Sri Siddeshwara Swamiji in bringing out the volume, the Suttur Seer said that the volume will be made more complete in the future editions.

Tumakuru Siddaganga Mutt Seer Sri Siddalinga Swamiji, Sri Siddeshwara Swamiji, Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji and a host of other Seers sent their wishes on the occasion.

Kanakapura Mutt Seer Sri Mummadi Nirvana Swamiji, MP Pratap Simha, MLC R. Dharmasena, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath and others attended the live streaming at Suttur Mutt at the foot of Chamundi Hill, while Legislators S.A. Ramdas, Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah and K.T. Srikantegowda took part online.

NEWS BRIEFS

Power Disruption

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow between 10 am and 6pm in the following areas: Chikkegowdanakoppal, Lingadevarakoppal, Maidanahalli, Aloka Road and surrounding areas, Aniketana Road, HUDCO, Kuvempunagar Complex, Bhanavi Hospital, Kuvempunagar G and H Blocks and surrounding areas, according to a press release from the CESC.

Applications invited for KHB Houses

The Karnataka Housing Board (KHB) has invited applications from members of the public for allotment of houses on 'As is where is basis' at Chikkonahalli in K.R. Pet taluk of Mandya district. Early applicants will be given preference in the allotment, according to a KHB press release.

College admission

Yuvaraja College has invited applications from eligible students for admission to first year BSc, BCA and BBA courses, for the academic year 2020-21. Apply online before July 31 by paying application fee of Rs. 200. For details, visit http://ycm.uni-mysore.ac.in/ or contact Ph: 0821-2419292 or 2419240, according to a press release.

Online discourse

Suttur Mutt is organising online spiritual discourse programme tomorrow (July 30). Retired Professor Dr. K. Anantaramu will be delivering discourse on 'Vachana Chintana' and later, lecture to be delivered by Jayarajendra from 6.45 pm. The programme will begin with prayers at 6.30 pm, followed by discourse, lecture and Mahamangalarathi at 7.25 pm. [https://www.youtube.com/c/JSSMahavidyapeethaonline]

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	106.52 ft
Yesterday	106.65 ft
Inflow	2,320 cusecs
Outflow	4,081 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,276.97 ft
Inflow	1,719 cusecs
Outflow	1,300 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,857.54 ft
Inflow	1,211 cusecs
Outflow	50 cusecs

Grocery kits to rural folk artistes

Mysuru, July 29 (PM&SD)- City-based NGO Credit-I in association with multinational software firm Cognizant distributed grocery kits to over 70 rural folk artistes at Kiru Rangamandira premises in city this morning.

Grocery kits containing 5 kg of rice, 500 grams of turdal, 1 kg sugar, 1 kg wheat floor, 1 kg salt, 250 gm sambar powder, 1 litre cooking oil together with masks and sanitisers were distributed to rural folk artistes by members of the city based NGO.

Speaking on the occasion, Credit-I Managing Trustee Dr. M.P. Varsha said, "Credit-I with the help of software firm has taken up the responsibility of meeting the basic needs of people who have been adversely affected by the pandemic."

"Folk artistes including Kamsale, Dollu Kunita and other folk art forms, living in rural areas are facing difficulties. For this reason, we decided to help them and distribute grocery kits. We are aiming to distribute over 3,000 grocery kits to the needy out of which we have already distributed over 1,800 kits till date," he said.

Red Cross Secretary Dr. Mahadevappa, HoD of Psychology in Maharani's College Prof. Manonmani, Assistant Director of Kannada and Culture Department H. Chennappa and others were present.

AIISH sealed down for three days

Mysuru, July 29 (RK&KS)- Following a staff at the All India Institute Speech and Hearing (AIISH) testing positive for COVID-19, the Institute has been sealed down for three days from today.

According to the Institute Director, the Institute would be sealed down for three days from Wednesday as a precautionary measure and the building would be disinfected to prevent the spread of the virus.

Man's gold chain snatched

Mysuru, July 29 (MK&KS)- A bike-borne miscreant has snatched a gold chain but this time not from a woman but from a man near the Arch Gate on Lalitha Mahal Palace Road last evening.

The man, who lost his gold chain weighing 12 grams is Syed Imran, a resident of Kalyanagiri in city.

Syed was standing near the Arch Gate at about 7.30 pm yesterday, when the stranger, who came on a bike, snatched his gold chain and sped away towards T. Narasipur side, according to the complaint lodged at Nazarbad Police Station.

Accused absconding after road accident

Mysuru, July 29 (KS)- A two-wheeler rider, who was involved in a road accident on Oct. 11, 2018 near Jalahalli Bus Stand on Talakad Main Road in T.Narasipur taluk, which resulted in the death of a pedestrian, is not traceable and the Police have sought the help of the public to nab the accused.

The accused bike rider had rammed his Hero Honda bike (KA-01-R-8375) into the pedestrian identified as S. Ravi, who later succumbed to injuries. A case was registered at Talakad Police Station in this regard.

The Police, who obtained the 'B' extract of the bike's Registration Certificate (RC), came to know that the bike was registered in the name of E. Krishnamurthy, son of E. Rangappa of Parappana Agrahara in Bengaluru. When the Police went to the address mentioned in the (RC), they found the person missing.

Though the Police sought the help of Bengaluru Police, the owner of the bike was not traceable and hence the Mysuru District Superintendent of Police (SP) has sought the help of the public to provide information about the bike owner.

Those having any information about the bike owner may contact T. Narasipur Police Station on Ph: 08227-260990, according to the press release.

Hospital staff commits suicide

Mysuru, July 29 (MK&KS)- An employee of a private hospital in city, who was said to be depressed over his illness, committed suicide by hanging self at his home in city on Monday night.

The deceased has been identified as Ranganath (35), a resident of B.B. Keri in city. Ranganath had married B. Manjula ten years ago and the couple have two children.

According to the Police, Ranganath was suffering from certain illness since a few days and was depressed. He committed suicide by hanging self with a veil on Monday night, when the family members were sleeping, the Police added.

A case has been registered at NR Police Station.

K.R. Pet doctor dies of COVID in City Hospital

Mysuru, July 29 (RK&KS)- A doctor, who was running a clinic at K.R. Pet and admitted to a private in city after he tested positive for COVID-19, passed away at the hospital yesterday.

A native of K.R. Pet taluk, the doctor developed COVID symptoms three days ago and was admitted to a private hospital in city, where he breathed his last yesterday morning, according to the officials of the Health Department.

Meanwhile, K.R. Pet Tahsildar A. Shivamurthy has urged those who had availed treatment at the clinic of the deceased doctor to voluntarily come forward and get themselves tested for COVID and help to prevent the spread of the deadly virus.

Obituary

Dr. V.R. Nagesh

Mysuru, July 29- Dr. V.R. Nagesh (55), Periyapatna Taluk Health Officer and a resident of Kuvempunagar 'M' Block passed away in the wee hours of today following cardiac arrest at a private hospital in city.

He leaves behind his wife, one son and a host of relatives and friends. A native of Koratagere in Tumakuru district, Dr. Nagesh had served in Tumakuru, Nanjangud and was currently serving as the Taluk Health Officer at Periyapatna.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

P. Rangadasaiah

P. Rangadasaiah (Seenappa), a Taxidermist and a resident of Telecom Colony in Gandhinagar, passed away yesterday in city. He was 88.

He leaves behind his wife Muthamma, children R. Govindaraju, R. Kamala Narayanaswamy, R. Chanchala, R. Suryanarayana and R. Krishnamurthy, daughters-in-law Lokeshwari and Rekha and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Adi Jambava Burial Grounds in Gandhinagar this afternoon.

Nagarahole, Bandipur Top 3 in Tiger Census

Nagarahole National Park has 11.82 tigers per 100 square kilometres and Bandipur has 7.7

Mysuru, July 29 (MTY&BCT)- In what is said to be the 'world's largest effort invested in any wildlife survey till date', Corbett Tiger Reserve of Uttarakhand has recorded the highest tiger density amongst 50 tiger reserves in India — it has 14 tigers per 100 square kilometres which is highest in India.

The second place in terms of tiger density has been secured by Nagarahole Tiger Reserve with 127 tigers followed at a close third place by Bandipur Tiger Reserve with 126 tigers and fourth place by Bandhavgarh and Kaziranga Tiger Reserves with 104 tigers each.

As per the 'Status of Tigers, Co-predators, and Prey in India' released yesterday, in terms of density, Nagarahole Tiger Reserve has 11.82 tigers per 100 square kilometres while Bandipur has 7.7 tigers per 100 square kilometres. The Biligiri Ranganathaswamy Tiger Reserve has 4.96 tigers per 100 square kilometres.

Based on 2018 enumeration

The 'Status of Tigers, Co-predators, and Prey in India' is based on the 2018 tiger enumeration exercise, the summary of which was released last year by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and yesterday's report was released by Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar in New Delhi on the eve of International Tiger Day that is celebrated today (July 29).

In the world, there are over 3,900 tigers in 13 countries including India, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Indonesia and South China as the feline is extensively hunted down by poachers. Of them, India has 2,967 tigers. The tiger census, conducted once in four years, in 2018 pegged the population of tigers across India at 2,967, with Madhya Pradesh emerging at the top of charts with 526 and Karnataka a close second with 524. The third spot went to Uttarakhand, in the forests of which State were counted 442 tigers.

Counting and matching stripes

Across all tiger reserves of Karnataka, there were 1,500 camera traps in place. Forest officers say that conducting a tiger census is an onerous task. Estimating the number of tigers using images captured through camera traps is not easy since the offices and field employees have to crosscheck all of them for duplication and segregate them accordingly.

As per the data, the Old Mysore region has 363 tigers. The region has four tiger reserves — Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Nagarahole National Park, BRT Tiger Reserve and Male Mahadeshwara Tiger Reserve (yet to be officially named). Also, the Madikeri Wildlife Division, Madikeri Territorial Division and Virajpet Territorial Division have considerable big cat population.

A tiger on the prowl behind a camera trap at Bandipur Tiger Reserve.

33 percent rise

The 33 percent rise in tiger numbers in India is the highest ever recorded between cycles which stood at 21 percent between 2006 and 2010 and 30 percent between 2010 and 2014. The rise in tiger numbers was in conformity with the average annual growth rate of tigers since 2006, said the report.

Bandipur Tiger Reserve that is spread across 1,020 square kilometres and Nagarahole Tiger Reserve spread across 843 square kilometres including 200 square kilometres of buffer zone have 253 tigers as per 2018 census. Now the number has increased with fresh births after the census, said Project Tiger Bandipur Tiger Reserve T. Balachandra.

Cameras and felines

In Bandipur, the Forest Department placed 380 camera traps in three stages. In Nagarahole, 400 camera traps were set up at two stages. At the 572-square-kilometre BRT Tiger Reserve in Chamarajanagar District, 1,200 points were identified and cameras were placed to record 55 to 65 tigers. At the Male Mahadeshwara Tiger Reserve spread across 920 square kilometres, 550 camera traps were set to record the presence of 20 tigers.

In sync with Government of India's "Digital India" initiative, the census data was collected using an Android based application- M-STrIPES (Monitoring system for Tigers' Intensive Protection and Ecological Status) and analysed on the applications' desktop module.

35 million images

As per the report, across India, the tiger census was conducted for 15 months involving survey of 3,81,400 square kilometres of forested habitats, 5,22,996 kms of walk by State Forest officials, laying of 3,17,958 habitat plots, totalling a human investment of 5,93,882 man days.

Besides, cameras were placed in 26,760 locations which gave a total of 35 million images of wildlife including 76,523 images of tigers. Segregation of these images was possible in a short time because of use of artificial intelligence software, the report reveals.

Many anti-poaching measures

Founder of the Wildlife Conservation Foundation Rajkumar Devaraje Urs attributed the recognition for the tiger census on the global stage to the groundwork of the volunteers and forest staff. More than 330 volunteers supplemented the efforts of the Forest Department personnel at the Bandipur Tiger Reserve, where more than 380 camera traps were set up.

He attributed the significant rise in numbers of tigers in Bandipur and Nagarahole to the conservation and anti-poaching measures initiated by the Forest Department. The density of prey animals were also analysed and were found to be high enough to sustain the predator population in good numbers. Also, educating and involving tribals and villagers living in the periphery of the Tiger Reserves contributed to the increase in numbers, he added.

A tiger and two cubs clicked by a camera.

Forest Department staff setting up a camera trap deep inside the core area of Bandipur.

'Zoos of Karnataka' App launched

Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests B.P. Ravi, Mysuru Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni and others seen during the launch of mobile phone application 'Zoos of Karnataka' this morning at Zoo auditorium in Mysuru.

Mysuru, July 29 (MTY&BCT)- The Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) has launched a mobile phone application 'Zoos of Karnataka', to enable people to contribute for conservation education, rescue, relief and rehabilitation of wild animals.

Forest, Environment and Ecology Minister Anand Singh, who is under home quarantine in Ballari, virtually launched the application this morning while scion of the erstwhile Mysore royal family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar was present at the Zoo auditorium in Mysuru for a simultaneous launch.

Mysuru Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Member-Secretary of ZAK B.P. Ravi were also present at the auditorium while Executive Directors of other Zoos in Karnataka attended online.

The 'Zoos of Karnataka' app interface says, "The app helps make donations to Zoos in Karnataka and adopt animals. It helps users show support and care for wild animals by adopting their favourite animals. It also enables them to contribute towards the maintenance of the Zoos and lessen the burdens by making donations and book

Forest Minister Anand Singh virtually launching the Zoo app this morning from Ballari.

entrance and safari tickets hassle-free." The app also enables one to share adoptions and donations with friends.

In a statement yesterday, B.P. Ravi said that the app would be useful in online animal adoption and donations to all nine Zoos of Karnataka, for any amount starting from Rs. 50. "Zoos are an integral part of the national conservation strategy. Since the advent of COVID-19, all institutions and organisations, including Zoos that thrived on the support of people are badly affected. People stopped visiting Zoos and as such the much-needed revenue, in the form of entry fee, has stopped."

"The Zoos under ZAK used to attract about 65 lakh visitors annually. In 2019-2020, about Rs. 60 crore was realised from the entry fee of 62.5 lakh visitors. Due to the dip in the visitors' numbers, during the current financial year, only about Rs. 50 lakh was realised. However, animal maintenance expenses and salaries of staff remain the same," said Ravi.

Mysuru District In-charge Minister S.T. Somasekhar took special interest in the animal adoption scheme of Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo) and helped to mobilise Rs. 3.5 crore from his friends, supporters and people of his Constituency, as well as from the Association of Kannada Kootas of America (AKKA). So far, ZAK has collected Rs. 4.25 crore as donations, in the current year, from all nine Zoos," he said.

"There were queries about animal adoption and contribution on the social media. There was talk about the need for an easy mode of adoption and contribution to all Zoos of the State. People often asked, how can we be a part of the conservation efforts? Can we contribute Rs. 50 or Rs. 100? All these years, the Zoos under ZAK survived due to the support of the people. Thus, in order to facilitate the general public and animal-lovers, 'Zoos of Karnataka' mobile app has been developed. It is available on Google Play Store and Apple Store," Ravi said.

The white tiger at Mysuru Zoo captured by SOM photographer this morning.

Beware ! Do not share OTP

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Bollamma has an account in State Bank of India (SBI) near MCC Office and she used personally to go to the bank every month to withdraw pension and update her passbook. But due to COVID-19 pandemic, she could not go to the bank for over three months and as a result her passbook was not updated and also her pension amount was not withdrawn.

First fraud call

Bollamma had read in newspapers that banks were open for online transactions only but not for physical visits. At 3.15 pm on July 27, Bollamma got a call from a fraudster posing as an employee of SBI Customer Care Division. He told her that he would update her account online and there was no need for her to visit the bank physically.

Bollamma had never transacted online and the conman promised her that he would help her update the account herself. Incidentally, the fraudster knew her account number, the balance in her account, her RD account details and all the other confidential data including her date of birth and her monthly pension amount.

OTP shared

Though the fraudster spoke in broken Hindi-mixed Kannada, Bollamma did not smell a rat and he justified his style of speech as he was from the bank call centre. Also, as he knew her bank details, Bollamma thought that he was her bank employee and shared the OTP received in her mobile phone through an SMS.

During the conversation, Bollamma told him that her RD accounts were maturing in 2020 and he promised to update that account too. After getting the access through OTP, the fraudster withdrew Rs. 1,39,363 from her one RD account and Rs. 1,56,023 from the other RD account. He later withdrew Rs. 44,061 from Bollamma's pension account.

Husband targeted too

All this happened within minutes and Bollamma did not even realise that she has been conned. Next, the conman was able to get the bank account details of her husband Kuttappa who had accounts in Kodagu. While Rs. 48,600 was withdrawn from Kuttappa's SBI Virajpet branch, Rs. 35,000 was withdrawn from his Madikeri Canara Bank account.

Yesterday too, the fraudster, realising that Bollamma's account had Rs. 25,000 balance, called her again and told her that she would get an OTP like the previous two instances. This time, however, Bollamma was alert and she had discussed the issue with her daughter who had told Bollamma that she had been conned.

Bank-to-bank transfer

As the fraudster telephoned, Bollamma's daughter picked up the call and questioned the speaker on the other end. He rudely told her to give the phone to the bank account holder (Bollamma) and when the daughter refused, the conman abused her and cut the call. The couple visited the SBI branch today where the bank officers told them that it was a bank-to-bank transfer and a professional gang was behind the fraud. The Police have been informed and the complaint will be handed over to Cyber Crime Branch. Kuttappa has been asked to fetch details of the withdrawals from his banks and he has left to Kodagu.

Insider job?

Police sources told *SOM* that this fraud could not have been done without insider involvement as the conman had Bollamma's confidential data. "We will be able to trace the money trail once we receive data from the banks. People must be careful and should not share their confidential data and OTPs to strangers," a Police Officer said.

TEASER By N. Prakash

First batch of 5 Rafales land

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The fighter jets, piloted by IAF officers, took off from Bordeaux-Merignac facility in Southwest France and refuelled midair from a French tanker at a height of 30,000 feet. The jets also made a stopover in the city of Al Dhafra in the United Arab Emirates where France has an air base and took off for India at 11 am.

Two A330 Phoenix MRTT refuelling planes accompanied the five fighter jets from the French Air Force, one of which is carrying 70 ventilators, 100,000 test kits and a team of 10 health experts to aid India in the fight against Coronavirus.

The Ambala Police have tightened the security and prohibited people from taking photos or videos of the jet planes. People have been asked not to go to their terraces for taking videos or photographs of the aircraft.

The violators will face an immediate arrest and an FIR against them, the Police said. Section 144 has been imposed near the Ambala Air Force Station and surrounding areas. The agreement for the biggest-ever defence deal by India was signed in 2016.

The official deliver of Rafael jets began back in October 2019 when Defence Minister Rajnath Singh visited France. But they were not sent to India as IAF pilots and mechanics were stationed there to train on them. All the jets are to be delivered by end of 2022.

The first batch, comprising three single seater and two twin seater aircraft, will be inducted into the IAF as part of its No. 17 Squadron, also known as the "Golden Arrows", and will be stationed at the Ambala Air Base which has been upgraded for the purpose. It may be recalled here that it was a squadron of Mirage fighter jets from Ambala Air Base that launched air strike in Balakot, Pakistan last year after the Pulwama terror attack.

J.K. Grounds turns into Flower Market

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Nearly 100 flower vendors were seen doing business at the grounds today with people from all localities thronging the venue for purchase of flowers required for the festival season that starts with Varamahalakshmi festival on July 31.

With COVID-19 regulation measures in place, the vendors were required to maintain physical distancing among themselves, wearing of face masks and use of hand sanitisers and other measures.

The jurisdictional Devaraja Police personnel have been deployed at the venue as thousands of people are expected to visit the grounds for flower purchase in the next three days. The MCC has set up mobile toilets and drinking water facilities.

MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde said that the MCC, anticipating huge crowds at the Devaraja Market with the start of the festival season, decided to shift the flower vendors of the market to the more sprawling J.K. Grounds.The shifting was ordered as a crowd control measure to stop the spread of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic.

Mysuru is reporting a big number of cases almost every day, he said and added that the vendors have been directed to follow all measures such as physical distancing, wearing of face mask and use of hand sanitisiers, not only by them, but also more importantly the people visiting the venue. He further said that basic civic amenities such as toilets and drinking water have been provided at the venue.

It may be mentioned here that as a measure to stop the spread of COVID-19, the MCC had shut down five major markets in the heart of the city — Devaraja Market, Shivarampet, Santhepet, Mannars Market and Boti Bazar (Mutton Market) for four days from June 25, 2020, during which the markets wer completely cleaned, sanitised, fumigated and disinfected.

City all set for CET exam beginning tomorrow

Over 10,000 students from District to appear

Mysuru, July 29 (RK&DM)- The CET (Common Entrance Test) for admission to professional courses (barring medical and dental courses) in Karnataka such as B.E / B.Tech, Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries and Pharmacy, will be held on July 30 and 31 at 26 centres across the district, including 20 in city.

Announcing this in his Facebook live page, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar said that a total of 10,368 students will be appearing for the exams.

Pointing out that due to COVID-19, one centre has been set up at all taluk headquarters of the District for the first time, he said that the exam will be held with all precautionary and safety measures in place.

Stating that all the centres have been totally sanitised and all the students are required to compulsorily wear face masks, maintain physical distancing and use hand sanitisers, he said that the students will have to undergo thermal screening before entering the exam hall.

Noting that the students are required to arrive at their respective exam centre two hours before the start of the exam, the DC said that Biology and Mathematics exam will be held tomorrow (July 30) and Chemistry and Physics on July 31.

Highlighting the measures taken for the smooth and safe conduct of the exam, Abhiram Sankar said that three students in the District who have tested COVID positive ahead of the exam will be allowed to write the exam at KSOU's Academic Bhavan at Mandakalli, which is a COVID Care Centre, in the presence of an invigilator, two doctors and other medical staff. Also these students will be taken in an ambulance from their place of stay to the centre, he said.

Announcing that 10 routes have been identified for delivery of question papers to the exam centres, he said that prohibitory orders under Section 144 CrPC has been clamped in 200 metre radius of all the exam centres and all stationary shops in the vicinity have been asked to shut down on both the days. The exam will be held in two sessions (10.30 am to 11.50 am and 2.30 pm to 3.50 pm) on both the days, he added.

Shoppers throng markets for fruits and vegetables

Mysuru, July 29 (RKB&KS)- With Varamahalakshmi festival being celebrated on Friday, Devaraja and Mandi Markets in city witnessed huge rush this morning as shoppers thronged these markets for purchase of fruits and vegetables for the festival.

While most shoppers thronged the markets to avoid rush on the eve and on the day of the festival, others too thinking the same rushed to the markets which witnessed huge rush and maintaining social distancing was out of question. Though flower vendors were shifted to JK Grounds to avoid rush, the markets still witnessed rush.

The prices of fruits and vegetables (per kg) today are as follows: Apple- Rs. 130 – 200, Sweet Lime – Rs. 80-120, Pomegranate – Rs. 100 – 120, Nanjangud Rasabale – Rs. 80-100, Elakki banana – Rs. 60 and Pineapple was being sold at Rs. 20 each.

Coconut was being sold from Rs. 25-35 each depending on the size, beans was sold at Rs. 40 per kg, carrot- Rs. 40, Avarekai - Rs. 30 - Rs. 40, ladies finger – Rs. 30 and cucumber was being sold at Rs. 5 each. Huge rush is also expected tomorrow at all the markets in city.

COVID-19 pandemic: Only three protests can be staged in front of DC Office in a day

Mysuru, July 29 (PM)- In the backdrop of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) spreading rapidly and the number of positive cases increasing day-by-day, only two to three organisations would be allowed to stage protests in front of the Office of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) in a day.

Also, a maximum of 10 members from each organisation can take part in the protests and the protesters should compulsorily wear face mask and maintain social distancing, according to the instructions from the district administration.

In this week's Pet Talk, Maneka gives tips on keeping cats healthy and disease-free

Pet Talk

Maneka Gandhi

Is a post abdominal surgery lump normal in cats?

Surgery involves cutting into healthy tissues, it obviously requires some healing afterward. Some swelling at the incision is to be expected as the body heals. However, major swelling is not normal and requires immediate attention.

What are the causes of diarrhoea in a kitten?

Diarrhoea should never be ignored if it lasts more than a couple of days.

Dietary changes: Any change in food, whether it is the main diet, treats, a medication, nutritional supplement, or edible toy, can cause a kitten to get diarrhoea, but it is usually only temporary.

Medication side effects: While sometimes necessary, pharmaceuticals such as antibiotics and pain medications often have side effects. Diarrhoea is, unfortunately, a common side effect of several medications.

Intestinal parasites: More often referred to as worms, intestinal parasites make their homes in the intestinal tracts of kittens and other animals.

Environmental stress: Just like people, kittens can get stressed in life. When a kitten is brought into a new home or is frightened by something in its environment like a dog or child, it may develop diarrhoea as part of its body's "fight or flight" response.

Toxicities: Kittens are curious and tend to eat and chew things they shouldn't. Sometimes these items that kittens consume are unfortunately toxic and can cause a variety of symptoms including diarrhoea.

Digestive disorders and disease: A variety of diseases and problems with the digestive tract, including absorption problems, low vitamin levels, and more, can cause diarrhoea.

What are the symptoms of diarrhoea in cats or kittens?

Diarrhoea by definition is frequent and liquid stool. Diarrhoea will cause a kitten to become severely dehydrated due to the loss of fluid in its stool and therefore cause them to be weak. Some kittens may not make it to the litter box and have accidents when they have diarrhoea. They may also get messy paws if they step in diarrhoea or have diarrhoea stuck on their tails and rear ends.

What is Gingivitis in cats?

Gingivitis is inflammation of the gingiva which is the gum surrounding the tooth. Gingivitis can be mild to severe. Mild gingivitis is very common in cats of all ages and is considered the earliest stage of periodontal disease.

With moderate gingivitis, as time advances, plaque will accumulate on the teeth and the gingiva will become more inflamed and gum recession may begin at this stage. If left untreated, the gingivitis will worsen and become severe. In severe cases, cats can have difficulty eating, be very pained, and a dental cleaning under anaesthesia will be needed.

How to prevent Gingivitis in cats?

The most effective ways to prevent gingivitis is to establish a daily dental care routine, feed an appropriate diet and schedule annual veterinary visits. It's important to introduce the concept of brushing to cats slowly, and always to use toothbrushes and toothpastes specifically designed for them. Cat toothpastes, for example, have been formulated to be palatable to them. They don't foam, don't need to be rinsed away and don't contain fluoride which is toxic to cats.

What is Stomatitis in cats?

Feline Stomatitis is a severe, painful inflammation of a cat's mouth and gums. Gingivitis is a medical term that refers to inflammation of the gums and is one of the earlier signs of dental disease. Stomatitis refers to a more generalised inflammation of the mucous membranes within the mouth. In most cases, the condition causes painful ulcers and lesions to form in the mouth; these ulcers can involve the lips, tongue, gums, and back of the throat.

What are the signs of Stomatitis in cats?

Signs of Stomatitis in Cats are Drooling; Bad breath; Weight loss; Pawing at face or mouth; Decreased appetite; Unkept coat due to grooming being too painful; Red and inflamed gums; Pain when their faces are touched; Lethargy due to pain.

How to tell if your cat is losing weight?

It is hard to tell if your cat is really losing weight if it happens gradually. If your cat has a lot of hair, or used to be slightly overweight, then it can be harder to tell when weight loss has occurred. To assess your cat's body condition, start by looking at your cat's body from above. At an ideal weight, there should be a tuck at the waist that is noticeable but not extreme. Next, run your hands along your cat's sides. The ribs should be palpable with a thin covering of fat. If the ribs feel very prominent and are visible, your cat is likely underweight.

What are the signs that your cat has roundworms?

Roundworms can produce any of the following symptoms, although symptoms may only appear with heavy infections:

Failure to gain weight or weight loss; Dull hair coat; Pot-bellied appearance; Adult worms in vomit or stool (usually in kittens); Diarrhoea; Coughing due to the larval migration through the lungs. Rarely, very heavy infections can lead to blockage of the intestines, which will make a kitten very ill with vomiting and lethargy being the major symptoms.

How can you keep your cats healthy and disease free?

Groom your cat regularly. Provide fresh water daily. Make sure you have enough litter boxes. Notice if your cat starts urinating outside its litter box. Train your cat to use a scratching post. Use a cat carrier in the car.

What is a Neurological Disorder in cats?

Neurological disorders result from a disruption to your cat's nervous system. If the issue is in the brain, seizures may be present. However, an infection in the spinal cord may result in an unsteady gait, problems with limb functioning, or complete paralysis.

A disruption of nerves can affect almost any part of your cat's body, including its face, mouth, legs, or paws. And, since the nervous system affects most of your cat's major bodily functions, issues with balance, speech (meowing), eating, urinating, and defecating can also be present if there is a neurological issue present.

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Mysuru District reports 220 new COVID positive cases, 8 deaths on July 28

Mandya sees 96 new cases, Kodagu two and Chamarajanagar reports 52 fresh cases

Mysuru, July 29 (KS)- With 220 fresh COVID positive cases being reported in Mysuru district, the total positive cases in the district reached 3,383 on Tuesday (July 28), according to the media bulletin received yesterday evening.

A total of 1,011 patients have been discharged so far including 115 patients yesterday. There are a total of 2,249 active cases in the district and eight COVID related deaths were reported yesterday bringing the total deaths to 123.

According to the State media bulletin last evening, the following are the COVID statistics of Mandya, Kodagu and Chamarajanagar districts.

MANDYA

The district saw 96 new COVID cases yesterday bringing the total number of positives to 1,343. As many as 864 patients have been discharged so far including 56 patients.

There are 469 active cases and the district has reported a total of 10 COVID related deaths so far.

KODAGU

With COVID rules and regulations being strictly enforced by the district administration and the public following all norms to prevent the spread of the deadly virus, Kodagu district reported just two COVID positive cases yesterday bringing the total number of positives to 354. A total of 266 patients have been discharged so far including 13 patients yesterday. There are a total number of 82 active cases in the district and the district reported one COVID related death yesterday and the total deaths so far is six.

CHAMARAJANAGAR

Fifty-two new COVID positive cases were reported yesterday and the total positive cases in the district are 573. With 31 patients been discharged yesterday, a total of 319 patients have been discharged so far in the district. There are a total of 248 active cases in the district and six deaths have been reported so far.

Slew of protests staged in city

Mysuru, July 29 (PM&SD)- Extending support to ongoing stir by ASHA workers, the All India United Trade Union Centre (AIUTUC), Karnataka Rajya Samyukta Kattada Karmikara Sangha and Karnataka Rajya Samyukta Vasathinilaya Karmikara Sangha held protests in front of Deputy Commissioner's office in city yesterday.

They shouted slogans against the State Government for not fulfilling ASHA workers' demands and against dilution of labour laws. Association President N. Muddukrishna, Madanchandra and others were present.

Guest lecturers demand regularisation of services

Members of Government Degree College Guest Lecturers Coordination Committee also held protests yesterday.

The protesters, wearing masks and maintaining social distance, demanded regularisation of services of Guest Lecturers serving in various Degree Colleges all across the State and urged the Government to take note of the hardship faced by the Guest Lecturers.

Vice-President of Coordination Committee T. Balasubrahmanyam, Hanumantesh, Dr. Baburaj and others participated in the protest.

Declare 'Rajgruha' as National monument

Protesting against vandalism of the premises of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's residence 'Rajgruha' in Mumbai, members of Samatha Sainik Dal (SSD) and Republican Party of India (RPI) urged Maharashtra Government and the Centre to declare 'Rajgruha' as a National monument.

The protestors also appealed to the administration to investigate and punish the miscreants.

Besides, they urged the Government to provide more protection to all Corona Warriors including doctors, nurses and other health care workers in the State.

District President of SSD and RPI V. Ganesh, District Chief Secretary S. Sentilkumar, Members of Advisory Committee G.S. Praveenkumar and G. Bhumika, Raju, Eraiah, Jayamma and others took part.

Health Dept. directs DCs to set up

Booth-level teams to contain COVID-19

Mysuru, July 29 (SPN&DM)- As the State reels under exponential rise of COVID-19 positive cases, the Health Department has directed the Deputy Commissioners (DCs) of all the Districts to set up a Booth-level team on the lines of polling booth model, in order to effectively check the spread of the pandemic.

In a letter addressed to the DCs on July 23, the Health and Family Welfare Department Commissioner has issued instructions for setting up Booth-level teams comprising local people's representatives, officials and volunteers.

Highlighting the tasks of these teams, the Health Commissioner said that it is the responsibility of these teams to track, trace and test symptomatic and their primary and secondary contact persons, monitoring and strict implementation of Home Quarantine guidelines, among others.

Pointing out that these COVID-19 booths can be established at polling booth buildings, the letter said that all the booths must have sufficient stocks of quality face masks, hand gloves, sanitisers, pulse oximeters and thermometers, that can last for 15 days.

All the team members must be in regular touch with their respective District's COVID-19 War Room and it is mandatory for them to implement guidelines and regulations issued from time to time.

The Sector Officers must guide the booth-level teams, monitoring their activities, train them as and when found necessary, daily submission of updates on COVID-19 cases and interaction with higher authorities on the treatment of infected patients, among others.

MLA distributes Ayurvedic kits to residents of Containment Zones

Mysuru, July 29 (MTY&SD)- KR MLA S.A. Ramdas distributed Ayurvedic kits to over 230 residents of Containment Zones in Vidyaranyapuram area in city yesterday.

Speaking to press persons, Ramdas said, "We all know that prevention is better than cure. While there is no medicine for COVID-19 as of now, it will be good to take preventive measures to boost our immunity in these times. These Ayurvedic medicines would help boost the immunity, which is especially beneficial in the current crisis."

"There are over 195 Containment Zones in city. We are aiming to bring down death rate to zero in Krishnaraja Assembly segment," he said and added that "There are a number of positive cases in Vidyaranyapuram area and in some houses, multiple number of householders in the same family have been infected. In an effort to boost their immunity, we are distributing Ayurvedic kits containing various herbs including ginger, turmeric and coriander."

KR Constituency Nodal Officer Jayashree, Sushruth and others accompanied the MLA.

Postpone special cases transfer of PU lecturers: MLC

Mysuru, July 29 (PM&DM)- With COVID-19 pandemic spreading unabatedly across the State, JD(S) MLC Marithibbegowda has urged Primary and Secondary Education Minister Suresh Kumar to defer the special cases transfer process of PU College lecturers.

In a letter written to the Minister, Marithibbegowda, who represents South Teachers Constituency, said that lecturers serving in 'C' Zone in Government PU Colleges have been asked to apply online for special cases transfer. But this transfer can be taken up after general transfer process is complete, he said and sought the Minister to defer the special cases transfers in the interests of the teaching fraternity.

Pointing out that the general transfers in the Department has not happened for the past four years, he said that this delay has caused a lot of hardship for most of the lecturers.

Demanding the Government to assign place of work for the newly-appointed 1,203 PU lecturers, Marithibbegowda also wanted the Government to fill up 350 vacant Principal posts in the Department.

Skill Training at GTTC

Mysuru, July 29- Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Department, under Chief Minister's Kaushalya Karnataka Yojane, is conducting free skill development programme at Government Tool Room and Training Centre (GTTC), Mysuru.

Candidates belonging to all categories, who have passed SSLC, PUC, Diploma and BE (mechanical) will be provided training in turner, miller, grinder, fitter, mechanical assembly, CNC-turning, milling, grinding, CNC programming and designer, mechanical Catia, UG, Pro-E, MCAM, CAD, Solidworks, tool room machinist among others.

Interested candidates can visit *www.kaushalkar.com* and apply before Aug. 15. Stipend will be provided for SC/ST candidates. On successful completion of training, free job assistance will also be provided. For details, call Ph: 0821-2582750 or Mob: 91416-29598 or 99454-42654.

WORD OF THE DAY

Decoupage

Pronunciation: day-koo-PAHZH.
Meaning: The art of decorating surfaces by applying cutouts (as of paper) and then coating with usually several layers of finish (such as lacquer or varnish); work produced by such art.
Origin: Decoupage originated in France in the 17th century as a means of artistically decorating pieces of furniture with pictures. It took a few centuries, but by the mid-20th century decoupage became a household name in American interior decoration. The word is fashioned from Middle French decouper, meaning "to cut out." Decouper, in turn, pastes together the prefix de- ("from" or "away") and couper ("to cut). Other descendants of couper include coppice (a growth of small trees that are periodically cut), coupé (a horse-drawn carriage for two with a driver outside and whose name is thought to be from French carrosse coupé, literally, "cut-off coach"), and the clear-cut coupon.
Example: Her eye was drawn to a small table that had been decorated with decoupage.

THE ODD WORD

Damine

Having antlers like a fallow deer.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

The darling buds of May

Meaning: An appreciation of what is fresh and new.
Origin: The phrase refers to the opening buds that point toward the warm summer season ahead and to the freshness and exuberance of youth as it turns toward adult maturity. It probably refers not to the month of May directly but to the May tree (the Common Hawthorn) that flowers in England at that time of year. The hawthorn is important in the mythology of old England and there's a rich symbolism wrought from its standing as an early flowering common tree. Global warming has now given the UK a climate that causes May to begin flowering earlier, but I doubt that the 'darling buds of April' will ever catch on.
And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountain green?
The legend of the Glastonbury Thorn is also related to the flowering time of the hawthorn. The story has it that when Joseph of Arimathea arrived in England from the Holy Land he stuck his thorn walking stick into the ground and it began to flower, and continues to flower each year at Christmas to mark Christ's birth. That's a myth but there are some facts that give it a little credence.

QUOTE BOX

Four seasons fill the measure of the year; there are four seasons in the minds of men. **— John Keats**

RIDDLE THIS

What is black when it's clean and white when it's dirty?

Answer: A chalkboard.

SUDOKU

	9		3		4			
					1			
2				7			8	9
	2					9	5	6
	8						4	
3	5	7					2	
6	1			4				8
			6					
			7		8		3	

Answer to previous puzzle

3	9	5	1	7	2	6	8	4
1	8	7	3	4	6	9	5	2
6	2	4	5	9	8	3	1	7
5	7	8	2	3	9	1	4	6
4	3	2	7	6	1	5	9	8
9	6	1	8	5	4	7	2	3
8	4	6	9	1	7	2	3	5
2	5	9	6	8	3	4	7	1
7	1	3	4	2	5	8	6	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

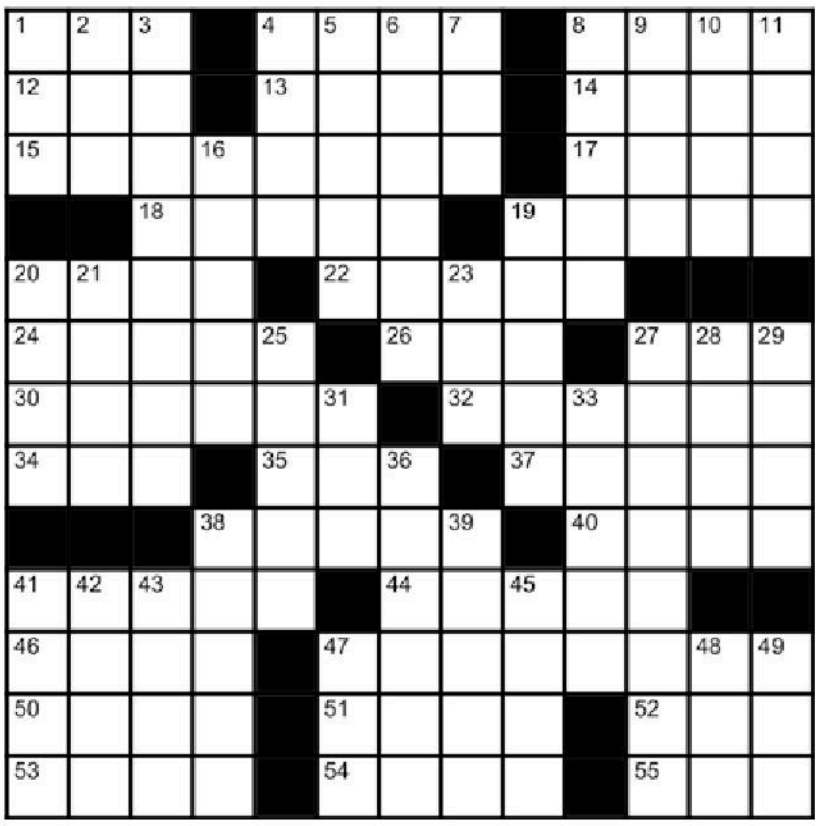
1 The French for 'island'
4 No ___ : certainly not?
8 Nile queen for short - "Cole" anagram?
12 Courteney ____ of Friends
13 Approximately or roughly (2,2)
14 John for the Welsh
15 In a state of bliss
17 Disastrous, dreadful or serious
18 Helped or assisted
19 Wooden buckets
20 Cheese skin
22 Exclude or disallow
24 S American mountain range
26 Behold
27 Assoc. of Optical Practitioners
30 Played quickly (music)
32 Cheap-jack
34 Ex-British P.M. Heath
35 The letter "S"
37 At no time
38 Imprecations
40 Jagdish Chandra ___ : doyen of Indian science?
41 Lorry
44 Violin's ancestor
46 Strong cord
47 Influence
50 Romulus kin
51 Looks at or ogles
52 Bill and ___ : whisper sweet nothings?
53 Sean ___ of Hollywood
54 Vulgar female
55 Hither's partner

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

M	A	L	T	■	P	R	E	■	A	L	I	A
A	L	O	E	■	E	A	T	S	D	I	R	T
M	A	D	H	Y	A	P	R	A	D	E	S	H
A	D	I	E	U	■	■	E	N	I	D	■	■
■	■	■	E	G	O	■	■	A	N	D	E	S
O	H	S	■	O	P	T	I	N	G	O	U	T
R	E	D	■	S	A	I	N	T	■	W	R	Y
C	A	B	A	L	L	E	R	O	■	N	O	E
S	T	U	K	A	■	■	E	N	D	■	■	■
■	■	R	I	V	E	■	■	I	O	T	A	S
C	O	M	M	I	S	S	I	O	N	E	R	S
U	N	A	B	A	T	E	D	■	N	A	V	E
B	O	N	O	■	E	T	A	■	E	R	O	S

DOWN

1 Frozen water
2 Bud's movie partner
3 Became larger
4 What one eats
5 Made a mistake
6 Stage whispers
7 Fabled bird
8 Large coniferous tree
9 Roman 57
10 A lord like Lear
11 Those singular items
16 Pelts
19 Thanksgiving hymn
20 Engrossed
21 Concerning, in legal terms (2,2)
23 Wager or gamble
25 Cut of meat
27 Support of a cause
28 Mine products
29 Funeral bonfire
31 Orig. sound track
33 Max ____ : U.S. expressionist painter born in Poland?
36 Playback singer ___ Ghoshal
38 Body of water
39 Cut
41 Short journey
42 Person's task or duty?
43 ___ ___ arms : riled ? (2,2)
45 Most desirable
47 Allow or rent
48 Thick messy substance
49 An epoch or an era



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

CQPKP JBOOHC WP B JKXDXD OPNC GPPI.

LZ DJQPRETP XD BTKPBRZ UETT.

TODAY'S CLUE: O EQUALS N

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Outer space is no place for a person of breeding.

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Plea to clear mud and other wastes dumped on footpath in Vijayanagar

Mud and other wastes which was removed from the drain on the Double Road in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage a couple of months ago is dumped on the footpath forcing pedestrians to walk on the road risking their lives. The public have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to clear the dumped debris at the earliest.

Expedite drain work on Pulikeshi Road junction

The road connecting to Pulikeshi Road from Ashoka Road near CPC Polytechnic which was dug up to take up drain works is not completed and barricades are placed around it as a warning to motorists. Members of the public have alleged that as the road is narrow with high density of traffic, it is hampering the smooth flow of traffic resulting in frequent traffic jams. The public have urged the authorities concerned to complete the works at the earliest and remove the barricades for smooth flow of traffic to prevent accidents.

Public oppose construction of Arch on Hebbal-KRS Road Junction during COVID crisis

Mysuru, July 29 (SBD&DM)- With the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading rapidly across the State, residents of Hebbal and surrounding areas have strongly opposed the works being taken up for the construction of an Arch at the Junction of Hebbal Main Road and KRS Road at Metagalli.

As the MCC has taken up the works, the authorities have restricted vehicular movement on this busy stretch. Although the residents are not opposing the construction of the Arch itself, their grouse is the timing of the works that has been taken up during the pandemic.

As the road has been blocked for vehicular movement due to the Arch construction, the vehicles have to take Loknayaknagar-Ring Road route or Lingayyanakere route to reach the KRS main road. Although the vehicle diversion is necessary when the works are taken up at any point of time, the works being executed during the Corona crisis has all the more inconvenienced the motorists and pedestrians alike.

The blocking of the Hebbal Main Road has hindered the movement of ambulances and other medical care vehicles reaching COVID Hospital, Jayadeva Hospital, Ayurveda Panchakarma Hospital, PKTB Hospital and ESI Hospital, all located on the stretch of KRS road passing through Brindavan Extension and Metagalli. The ambulances will have to take alternative routes to reach the hospitals, which takes a lot of precious time.

The locals say that the motorists and pedestrians realise that the road has been blocked only after coming close to the Arch. Recently, some ambulance drivers, who unknowingly came on this road, had to take detours on potholes-dotted narrow roads. As these minor roads are congested, traffic jams are a common sight on these alternative roads, with vehicles entering from both the sides at the same time.

MCC Commr. clarifies

Meanwhile, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde said that he will direct the officials to ensure that the movement of ambulances on this road is not hindered. He assured that measures will be taken for execution of Arch works in such a way so as to facilitate emergency movements.

The MCC is constructing the Hebbal Welcome Arch at a cost of Rs. 25 lakh. The completion of the Arch may take one-and-a-half month, according to MCC Zone-5 Junior Engineer M.S. Patil.

Pointing out that the construction works was taken up over four months ago but had to be abruptly stopped due to the outbreak of COVID-19, he maintained that any further delay may lead to technical problems. As such the works have resumed now, Patil said and added that the works on construction of pillars on either side of the Arch have been completed. The construction of beams will be over this week.

The Arch named 'Hebbalada Hebbagilu' is being built at a cost of Rs. 25 lakh and will have a 35 metre broad storm water drain and wide footpaths on both sides. The works have been taken up under the Centre's Mahatma Gandhi Vikas Yojana.

The Project also includes development of 1.65 km stretch leading from KRS Road to Surya Bakery Circle, Patil said and added that the MCC will execute the works at the quickest time possible.

MLA inspects Irwin Road works

Mysuru, July 29 (RK&DM)- The ongoing Irwin Road widening and development works, taken up at a cost of Rs. 4 crore, will be completed in two months.

With the works being expedited, MLA L. Nagendra inspected the progress of the works yesterday.

During the inspection, Nagendra instructed the officials to fast track the widening (18 metres) of 550-metre stretch of the road leading from Government Ayurveda College Circle to Nehru Circle (Head Post Office Circle) and throw open this very important road in the heart of the city for vehicular movement.

MCC Zone-4 Zonal Officer Nagaraj and other officials accompanied the MLA.

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